SAT ENGLISH PRACTICE TESTS: READING, COMPREHENSION & GRAMMAR

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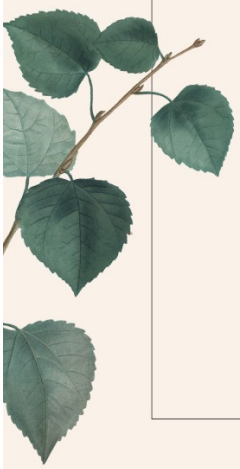

Test 1: A Travel Experience

Reading Passage

Last summer, I traveled alone for the first time in my life. I decided to visit my aunt who lives in another country. At first, I was nervous. I had never been on a plane before, and the idea of flying above the clouds both excited and scared me.

When I arrived at the airport, I realized that traveling alone meant I had to be responsible for everything—my passport, my luggage, and the boarding time. There was no one to remind me of what to do. I almost lost my ticket when I put it in the wrong pocket, but luckily I found it before boarding!

The moment the plane took off, my fear slowly disappeared. I looked out of the window and saw the city lights fading beneath me. The sky looked endless, painted with soft shades of orange and blue. I suddenly felt free, like I was leaving all my worries behind.

When I reached my aunt’s city, she was waiting for me at the airport with a big smile. That moment made me realize how travel isn’t just about reaching another place—it’s about discovering new parts of yourself.

Comprehension Questions (use your own understanding, not just copying)

1. What was the writer’s main feeling before the trip began?
2. Why did the writer almost lose their ticket?
3. What happened when the plane started flying?
4. What words describe how the sky looked?

5. What lesson did the writer learn from this travel experience?
6. Do you think traveling alone is a good experience for young people? Why or why not? (open-ended)
7. How did the writer's feelings change from the beginning to the end of the passage?
8. What can the word "responsible" mean in this context?

   A) Careless

   B) In charge of things

   C) Nervous

   D) Forgetful

9. The writer says, "I suddenly felt free." What does this sentence tell us about the writer's emotions?
10. What do you think "discovering new parts of yourself" means in real life?

Grammar and Writing Questions (based on the passage)

11. Choose the correct form:

    "I _____ never been on a plane before."

    A) has

    B) have

    C) having

    D) was

12. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

    A) I looked out of the window, and saw the city lights fading.

    B) I looked out of the window and saw the city lights fading.

    C) I looked, out of the window and saw, the city lights fading.

    D) I looked out, of the window and saw the city lights, fading.

13. Choose the correct verb tense:

“When I _____ at the airport, I realized I was alone.”

A) arrives

B) arriving

C) arrived

D) arrive

14. Select the best replacment:

“That moment made me realize how travel isn’t just about reaching another place—it’s about discovering new parts of yourself.”

A) that traveling is about more than going somewhere—it’s about learning about yourself.

B) that traveling is only about seeing new things.

C) that travel was boring.

D) that travel is about taking photos.

15. Which of the following is written in the past tense?

A) She waits for me at the airport.

B) She is waiting for me at the airport.

C) She waited for me at the airport.

D) She will wait for me at the airport.

Answer Key

1. Nervous or afraid.
2. The writer put it in the wrong pocket.
3. The fear disappeared, replaced by excitement and calm.
4. Orange and blue.

5. Travel helps you discover yourself.
6. (Open answer — acceptable if reasoned clearly.)
7. From nervous to confident and happy.
8. B) In charge of things.
9. The writer felt independent, peaceful, and strong.
10. Learning more about who you are through experiences.
11. B) have
12. B) I looked out of the window and saw the city lights fading.
13. C) arrived
14. A) that traveling is about more than going somewhere—it's about learning about yourself.
15. C) She waited for me at the airport.

Test 2: A Daily Life Situation

Reading Passage

Every morning, before the city becomes busy, I walk to the small bakery at the corner of my street. The smell of fresh bread fills the air even before I reach the door. The baker, Mr. Samir, has worked there for more than twenty years. He knows almost every customer by name.

What I love most about this routine is how peaceful it feels. People greet each other, share a few words, and start their day with a smile. Mr. Samir always says that bread tastes better when it's made with patience and care. I think he's right—his bakery never fails to remind me that kindness can live in small things.

One day last week, I noticed a new sign on the bakery window. It said: "Help Wanted — Part-Time Assistant." I hesitated for a moment, then decided to ask about it. Mr. Samir smiled and said, "You can start tomorrow if you'd like." That's how my mornings changed.

Now, I wake up earlier than before to help bake and serve customers. I've learned that work isn't just about money—it's about learning, connection,

and purpose. The bakery taught me that even ordinary days can become meaningful if you do something with love.

Comprehension Questions

1. What makes the writer’s daily routine special?
2. How does Mr. Samir treat his customers?
3. What did the sign on the window say?
4. What decision did the writer make after seeing the sign?
5. What lesson did the writer learn from working at the bakery?
6. How do we know that the bakery is important to the community?
7. What can the sentence “kindness can live in small things” mean?
8. Why did the writer say the bakery changed their mornings?
9. What emotion best describes the writer’s attitude toward the bakery?

   A) Boredom

   B) Gratefulness

   C) Anger

   D) Disappointment

10. What do you think the writer means by “ordinary days can become meaningful”?

Grammar and Writing Questions

11. Choose the correct form:

    “Mr. Samir _____ worked at the bakery for twenty years.”

    A) has

    B) have

    C) had

    D) having

12. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

A) The smell of fresh bread fills the air even before I reach the door.

B) The smell, of fresh bread fills the air, even before I reach the door.

C) The smell of fresh bread, fills the air even before, I reach the door.

D) The smell of fresh bread fills, the air, even before I reach the door.

13. Choose the correct tense:

"Yesterday, I _____ up earlier than usual."

A) wake

B) waking

C) woke

D) wakes

14. Which of the following sentences uses proper subject-verb agreement?

A) The customers greets Mr. Samir happily.

B) The customers greet Mr. Samir happily.

C) The customers greeting Mr. Samir happily.

D) The customers was greet Mr. Samir happily.

15. Replace the underlined part with the best option:

"Work isn't just about money—it's about learn, connection, and purpose."

A) learn

B) learning

C) learned

D) to learn

Answer Key

1. It’s peaceful and friendly.
2. He treats them kindly and knows them by name.
3. “Help Wanted — Part-Time Assistant.”
4. The writer decided to ask for the job.
5. That work has meaning beyond money.
6. Because people gather there and feel connected.
7. Small acts can make a big difference.
8. Because the writer started working there.
9. B) Gratefulness
10. Finding purpose in simple daily actions.
11. A) has
12. A) The smell of fresh bread fills the air even before I reach the door.
13. C) woke
14. B) The customers greet Mr. Samir happily.
15. B) learning

Test 3: An Analytical Story

Reading Passage

One chilly afternoon, Maya found herself walking through a quiet park near her apartment. She had had a difficult day—nothing seemed to go right at work, and she was feeling frustrated and tired. As she wandered along the winding paths, she noticed a small group of children playing near the fountain. They laughed loudly, chasing each other, their shoes splashing in the shallow water.

Maya stopped for a moment and watched. She realized something: despite the mess, the noise, and the little arguments between the kids, they seemed genuinely happy. Their world was simple, full of small joys. For a moment, she forgot her problems and even smiled.

Later, as she walked home, she thought about her own life. She had been so focused on deadlines, emails, and plans that she had forgotten to notice the simple things that could make her day better—a sunny sky, a smile from a friend, or the sound of laughter nearby. That afternoon in the park reminded her that happiness often comes from small moments, if we only pay attention.

Comprehension and Analytical Questions

1. What was Maya feeling at the beginning of her walk?
2. How did the children’s play affect Maya?
3. What does the author mean by “Their world was simple, full of small joys”?
4. Identify one example in the passage where Maya learns something about life.
5. Why do you think the author chose a park and children as the setting?
6. What lesson can a reader take from this story?
7. Which sentence shows Maya reflecting on her own behavior and priorities?
8. Why is it important that Maya noticed “small moments”?
9. In your own words, explain how the passage connects emotions to observation.
10. What is the overall theme of the passage?

Grammar and Writing Questions

11. Choose the correct tense:

    “She _____ herself walking through a quiet park.”

    A) find

    B) found

    C) finds

    D) finding

12. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

    A) She had had a difficult day; nothing seemed to go right at work.

B) She had had a difficult day nothing seemed to go right at work.

C) She had had a difficult day, nothing seemed to go right at work.

D) She had had a difficult day: nothing, seemed to go right at work.

13. Choose the correct form of the verb:

“Despite the mess, the noise, and the little arguments between the kids, they _____ genuinely happy.”

A) was

B) were

C) be

D) being

14. Replace the underlined part with the best option:

“She had been so focused on deadlines, emails, and plans that she had forgotten to notice the simple things that could make her day better.”

A) noticing simple things that make her day better

B) to notice simple things that could make her day better

C) notice simple things that could make her day better

D) noticed simple things that could make her day better

15. Which sentence uses correct subject-verb agreement?

A) Happiness often come from small moments.

B) Happiness often comes from small moments.

C) Happiness often coming from small moments.

D) Happiness often came from small moments.

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Answer Key

1. Frustrated and tired
2. It made her feel happier and more relaxed
3. The children enjoyed life in a simple, joyful way
4. Realizing that she had been too focused on work and missed small joys
5. To show contrast between the simplicity of children's happiness and Maya's stress
6. Happiness can be found in small, everyday moments if we pay attention
7. "Later, as she walked home, she thought about her own life…"
8. It helps her appreciate what she has and reduces stress
9. Observing small, joyful things can improve emotional well-being
10. Small joys in life lead to happiness / Mindfulness / Appreciation
11. B) found
12. A) She had had a difficult day; nothing seemed to go right at work.
13. B) were
14. B) to notice simple things that could make her day better
15. B) Happiness often comes from small moments.